

Village Voice



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Hello and welcome to September. Saying this makes me think about harvest season, autumn leaves, pumpkins, apples and cooler weather.

In August we enjoyed a couple of special events. On Sunday, August 2, we had the Sixth Annual Perseverance/Independence Celebration. Around 64 people attended. In addition to the delicious plaza burgers there was a lot of other great food. A special thanks to the Social Committee and all the other residents that made this event such a success. On Tuesday, August 25, we went to Rex's Innkeeper for our August Wine and Dine event. Nothing like a good old fashioned Wisconsin supper club and great company.

We have a fun Wine and Dine excursion planned in September for a truly autumn event. You will find more detailed information about this event and other OV news in this edition of the Village Voice, so keep reading and enjoy!

Before I close this letter, let's take a few moments to wish our friends and neighbors who are facing health issues well.

Take care and be well.

Sandy Kmiec, OVRA Chair

VILLAGE SCOOP

A note from Hank Ruff -

I want to thank all the residents that showed up for my belated 80th birthday party and then joined my family and me at our cookout on Saturday, August 15. I've always known that we have a fantastic community, but this confirmed it with my family. Thank you. ~ Hank Ruff

A note from Cris Eastin regarding Clubhouse Library News -

Periodically, you'll find a note in the Book Return box asking you to reshelve the books you're returning. This will be temporary until I'm back on the job. Thanks for your help. ~ Cris Eastin

Notes from Dave Mischka Regarding Clubhouse Security

Recently during a security check, I noticed that one set of the exit doors in the clubhouse were blocked. These doors need to remain accessible. Please make every effort to keep the exits clear.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you, friends, for your support in taking turns doing nightly checks on the OV Clubhouse. We really appreciate your support. If you are new to OV and would like to help out with the Clubhouse security, please let me know. I would be happy to answer any questions. It takes less than 5 minutes to do. ~Dave Mischka 932 Hunters Trail. Ph (608) 960-0634.

Mum is the word! It is mum season again! Kay and Ross have offered to take orders and pick up mums for OV residents that want them. Please let Kay know at 608-712-2950 by September 11 if you would like a mum plant and the color you want. The color choices are orange, yellow, white and light pink. Kay and Ross will pick up the plants sometime in September. They will contact you to deliver the plant. The cost is \$14 and you can pay Kay and Ross at the time of delivery. Thank you, Kay and Ross, for doing this for Olympic Village.

Just to let you know, if you have not already heard, Ann Lalko and Sue Eckert started a dominos group here at OV. They meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. No need to sign up. Just show up and play! If you do not know how to play, no problem. You will receive instructions and will be playing in minutes. Last month was a trial run to see if there is interest. Since it

was such a big hit, it will now continue and is on the calendar of events. Hope to see you there. Thank you, Ann and Sue.

Just a reminder that effective August 6, Euchre was permanently scheduled for every Thursday at 1:15. This schedule will remain year-round. Arrive at the clubhouse by 1:15. Playing will start at 1:30.

Remember that everyone is welcome to come and sit under the trees at David and Dianne Schultz's place, 928 Hunters Trail every Saturday, weather permitting, around 3:00 o'clock. Bring your chair and beverage of your choice. We sit around and visit and sometimes solve big problems. You can come around 3 and leave whenever you want. Even if David and Dianne are not home, you can still come and visit with your neighbors. This gathering will continue until the cold weather sets in.

Don't forget we have a drop off for donations to the food pantry. It is located on your right as you enter the clubhouse. This remains in place year-round. All donations are welcome. Currently, there is a great need for smaller packages/containers of sugar and flour. Thank you, Kay Oestreich, for taking care of donations on behalf of Olympic Village.

This is just a reminder for safety and security reasons to keep your garage door down when you are inside your home.

The small American flag that is displayed on your mailbox will be removed before the inclement weather sets in and will be displayed again before Memorial Day next year. A special thanks to Tom Huss, Jeff Froh and Karen Oehrlein for their work on putting up the flags and maintaining them. They look great and are such a nice addition to Olympic Village.

A reminder that in the event of emergencies such as frozen pipes, sewer backup, water leaks, heating or cooling issues, electrical problems, etc., call OV Maintenance at 608-400-5126.

This is your newsletter, and you are always welcome to add something. If you wish to do so, please forward to Sandy Kmiec at sandykmiec@yahoo.com or call me at 608-516-6199.

REFLECTIONS

As many of you know, Mike Hahn writes some beautiful poetry. Thank you, Mike, for sharing your poetry with us.

SMILE A WHILE

Written By Mike Hahn

Smiles send out your joy in every direction -
No one can escape your smile's reflection!

A smile takes a little effort for the good it can do -
When you smile – a smile will come back to you!

Returning a smile is considered human protocol -
You must smile back – it's the right thing after all!

Remember, everyone has this nonverbal way -
To make each other's life a little better each day!

When you flash a smile in front of a friend -
It's quite a lovely message that you send!

For many times, a smile is all it takes -
For someone – to forget his mistakes!

Sending a text or letter takes a little while -
But you can send joy, every time you smile!

Smiling needs to become a reflex action -
Soon your smile becomes a lovely attraction!

There are too many frowns on faces these days
Your smile will show, there's a happier way!

So smile with your lips always curling upward -
I suppose some might feel, you look quite absurd!

But most will appreciate a face, that shows joy -
A silent messenger that all of us should employ!

A smile is only a grin sitting above your chin -
But continue to smile, and others will soon begin!

TWO WOLVES

Submitted by Mike Hahn who received it from his daughter

A Cherokee Life Lesson

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life.

“A fight is going on inside me,” he said to the boy.

“It is a terrible fight, and it is between two wolves. One is evil – he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.”

He continued, “The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too.”

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, “Which wolf will win?”

The old Cherokee simply replied, “The one you feed.”

RULES OF RESIDENCY REMINDERS

Bird feeders are permitted, but filled only during winter months, November 1 through March 31. Hummingbird and Baltimore Oriole feeders may be hung and filled with no more than two feeders per unit.

Exterior holiday displays are permitted but may not include items such as blow-up decorations, flashing lights, spotlights, or projecting lights.

OVRA ELECTIONS

Just a reminder that during the OVRA quarterly meeting and potluck on October 13, there will be an election for Vice Chair, currently held by Karen Oehrlein, and Treasurer, currently held by Jeff Froh. Both Karen and Jeff have served one two-year term, and both are interested in serving another two-year term, so both will run for re-election in October.

The OVRA officers may serve up to two consecutive terms. Each election is open to any resident interested in running for an open position. The Chair and Secretary positions are elected during the October quarterly meetings during odd numbered years, with the term starting in January of the next year. The Vice Chair and Treasurer positions are elected during the October quarterly meetings during even numbered years, with the term starting in January of the next year. Contact Sandra Kmiec if you are interested in learning more about any of these positions or the OVRA organization.

ENVELOPE PROJECT UPDATE

We are nearing the halfway mark of completing the Envelope Project. If you have not had a chance to look at the new sidings and windows, please take a few minutes to drive by. When it is time for your building to be updated, please keep in mind a few lessons learned that you should know:

- Remove all hanging personal items from exterior walls prior to siding install
- The work is noisy
- Parking may become a challenge so plan ahead, especially garage access that may be limited due to scaffolding
- The crew uses residents' electricity to power their equipment (it is negligible but still worthy to note)
- Workers may ask to use your microwaves to heat lunches (please be considerate)

Overall we have been pleased with the results and residents have complimented the crews for their professionalism. We hope to keep moving forward into the next year and will keep you posted.

PLEASE KEEP in mind that NO mounting of any kind is permitted on the outside of your unit or siding.

“It Takes a Village...”

The OV Social Committee Page

Mark Your Calendars & SIGN UP!

September:

Tuesday, Sept. 8th the Social Committee will be going through the many large wall pictures that have accumulated over the years. We will have some to put out for our residents. *Please come to the clubhouse at 1PM Tuesday, Sept. 8th to choose what you may like, any left will be donated.*

Tuesday, September 29th Wine & Dine: we will be traveling to **Sky-Hi Fruit Farm in Baraboo** and will enjoy lunch at **Log Cabin Family Restaurant** after the orchard visit. We would like to meet at the orchard at 10 AM, shop & browse and then travel to The Log Cabin restaurant for lunch. *Please Sign up on the clubhouse bulletin board if you'd like to join us. Also, please note if you'll need a ride next to your name.*

October:

Tuesday, October 13th Quarterly Meeting & Potluck with Apple desserts, pies, crisps, etc. *(from our trip to Sky-Hi in September).* Please sign up on the sheet in the clubhouse *in October.*

Wed., Oct. 28th Wacky Wednesday... “You Take The Cake” ... more information in the October Newsletter.

November:

Tuesday, November 10th Veteran's Day Celebration, more details in the coming newsletters.

December:

Friday, Dec. 4th at 9AM Holiday Decorating at the Clubhouse, more December information in the coming newsletters.

It Took a Village... News and Thanks

August:

Our OV Independence Celebration on Sunday, August 2nd, was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who helped with grilling, setup, and cleanup, we couldn't have done it without YOU!

Our **August Wine & Dine** at Rex's Innkeeper was well attended. Many people enjoyed a great lunch along with great conversation and laughter. *We hope you enjoy these outings as much as we do!*

Please Help Us Plan for You...

Please try to sign up on time and pay when required for gatherings. Your response helps us plan for food, tables, and chairs so that everyone can enjoy each event.

September Birthdays

- 4 - Karen Kepper
- 6 - Jeff Froh
- 9 - Arthur Eggert
- 19 - Tom Huss
- 20 - Faith Krug
- 20 - Dick Wagner
- 24 - Patti Ritchie



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